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At the beginning of the week prices on extra large in some regions was unchanged to lower with all other reported prices unchanged. Throughout the entire week prices in New York were lower for the larger sizes and slightly higher for mediums and unchanged in all other areas. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on the larger sizes and mostly steady for mediums. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly higher throughout the week. Offerings were adequate for the moderate to good demand. Demand was fairly good to instances good. Breaking schedules full-time to longer. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the north central region spent hen removal costs remained unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the adequate offerings. The trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl were adequate for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, PRICES DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents lower for large and unchanged for medium and small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's delivery trending lower for the larger sizes. The trade sentiment was steady to usually barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to usually available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate and included graded loose shell eggs. Demand was fairly good to instances good. Schedules were full-time to longer. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-123	117-120
LARGE	113-122	115-118
MEDIUM	80-89	82-85

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on mediums, barely steady to instances weak on heavier weights. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for needs. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were adequate for a moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-137	123-127
LARGE	117-131	122-126
MEDIUM	80-93	85-88

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

September 21, 2007

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	125.50	124.00	86.50
SOUTHEAST	124.50	122.50	85.00
MIDWEST	118.50	116.50	83.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	132.50	124.50	88.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	125.61	121.96	86.00

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	09-25	09-18	09-26
Large	95-104	95-104	31-40
Medium	64-69	64-69	24-30

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEP 24, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			No	So	So		
		Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	20.3	8.4	12.2	11.2	58.3
	Change	0.4	0.7	-1.0	2.2	0.0	4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.3	43.3	14.2	24.3	35.2	137.3
	Change	-0.8	5.9	1.4	0.1	3.7	8%
Large	Curr Wk	33.1	108.4	75.0	111.9	125.5	453.9
	Change	-2.2	21.8	0.3	-0.2	22.3	10%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	37.1	18.8	16.7	41.8	126.1
	Change	1.0	-3.7	-1.2	0.1	-5.4	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	11.6	1.2	8.3	8.6	35.0
	Change	3.2	2.1	-1.3	-0.1	0.4	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.7	21.0	9.1	13.9	6.6	53.3
	Change	-0.7	-2.3	-0.9	0.9	-0.2	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.0	55.7	16.8	21.5	24.8	131.8
	Change	1.3	13.0	4.1	5.3	3.3	26%
Total	Curr Wk	92.3	297.4	143.5	208.8	253.7	995.7
Percent	Change	2%	14%	1%	4%	10%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	995.7	8%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	214.9	-3%	33
Total Shell Egg	1210.6	6%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 01-SEP-2007

(Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)						
Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible	
Broken	Whole	White	Yolk			
CW 1,343,925	35,202	11,292	5,887	1,905	4,413	
PW 1,289,046	33,227	11,078	5,748	2,323	4,332	
LY 1,299,085	33,054	11,861	6,170	2,516	4,402	
% Chg PWK 4%	6%	2%	2%	-18%	2%	
% Chg LY 3%	6%	-5%	-5%	-24%	0%	
2007 48,127,713	1,193,826	442,434	237,638	94,686	164,445	
2006 49,248,554	1,208,202	461,613	244,333	110,138	165,968	
% Chg YTD -2%	-1%	-4%	-3%	-14%	-1%	

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.26	42.19	42.71
(Inedible Excluded)	38.98	38.83	39.32

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	643,137	47.9%	17,838	50.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	617,866	47.9%	16,802	50.6%
LAST YEAR	580,781	44.7%	16,606	50.2%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set In		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	SEP 15	SEP 22	SEP 15	SEP 22
	Thousand			
AL	*31,385	31,534	*20,978	20,866
AR	26,429	27,324	24,169	23,070
DE	*3,884	3,997	*4,922	5,123
FL	1,344	1,344	1,343	1,343
GA	34,299	35,012	29,387	28,786
KY	*7,215	8,096	*5,911	6,436
LA	3,999	3,978	3,905	4,225
MD	*7,950	8,512	*5,703	5,551
MS	17,881	17,434	16,238	15,976
NC	19,068	19,395	16,414	15,950
OK	6,049	6,977	5,383	5,619
PA	*4,058	4,290	*3,252	3,180
SC	5,547	5,518	4,512	5,087
TX	13,224	13,982	12,385	12,519
VA	5,810	6,223	5,353	4,866
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,129	18,890	*16,840	17,720
19 State Total	*206,271	212,506	*176,695	176,317
Prev Yr Total	202,441	207,521	174,374	173,499
% of Prev Year	102	102	101	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Nov-07 is estimated at 162.5 million head. This compares to 162.8 million head the previous week and to 163.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.57 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/20/07 - 09/26/07

CURRENT LDS 122.75		FUTURE LDS 113.75		TOTAL LDS 236.50			
SE		NE		MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	96.50	--	99.08	100.45	97.00	95.33	19.00
GNR W 3	--	78.00	--	--	70.00	75.50	2.00
GNR BR 1	--	118.00	--	--	--	114.00	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	103.88	--	3.50
GL W XL	102.14	106.81	108.50	108.00	98.15	102.00	46.00
GL W LG	--	105.00	101.50	103.00	90.64	--	21.75
GL W MD	76.00	--	69.80	72.35	70.83	73.00	19.75
GL W SM	56.80	60.27	58.00	60.17	54.00	57.00	7.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	107.00	--	2.50
NRBS - 48	79.50	81.50	--	79.93	82.86	81.67	112.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	71.00	73.00	69.50	70.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-SEP-07

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW LY
Atlanta	26.2	26.1	0 1
Boston	3.1	3.1	0 0
Chicago	64.4	52.7	22 -18
Detroit	9.6	10.3	-7 0
Los Angeles	87.9	95.6	-8 -18
New Orleans	5.1	5.3	-4 -7
New York	28.4	24.6	15 5
St. Louis	15.0	14.6	3 0
San Francisco	13.3	13.6	-2 -21
Total	253.0	245.9	3 -12
4 Week Moving Avg.	244.8		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 22-SEP-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			TURKEYS
Head	2,036	2,801	28	21		4,886
Avg Wt	16.38	36.99	27.15	28.41		28.31
Last week	2,112	2,753	52	2		4,919
Same wk yr ago	1,981	2,585	17	1		4,584
Avg Wt	18.02	36.73	25.99	61.42		28.61
To-date/2007	74,731	98,854	876	202		174,663
To-date/2006	72,927	96,628	908	178		170,641

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 22-SEP-07

(Preliminary)						
---Young turkeys---			Old		Total Turkeys	
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Banded	Head-	Avg	
Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head-	Live wt	
North East	776	6	23.98	(A)	781	23.98
South Atlantic	691	-20	30.87	(A)	695	30.87
North Central	2,313	1	32.52	(A)	2,317	32.52
South Central	734	45	25.51	(A)	355	25.51
U.S. total	4,865(B)	-1	28.31	21	4,886	28.31
To-date						
2007	174,461	(B)		202	174,663	
To-date						
2006	170,463	(B)		178	170,641	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 876,000; for last year to date 908,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
W/E 22-SEP-2007 CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	170,377	1,102	1,548	2,650	515
Avg Wt	5.58	3.36	8.23	6.20	6.90
Last week	168,326	947	1,551	2,498	465
Same wk yr ago	165,750	1,054	1,384	2,438	489
Avg Wt	5.49	3.36	8.11	6.06	6.45
To-date/2007	6,112,788	41,900	55,095	96,995	19,064
To-date/2006	6,132,473	41,618	56,173	97,791	19,114

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 169.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 172.4 million head, or 3.3 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-SEP-07

	CURRENT WEEK 09/29/07 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/22/07
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	175,410 (2)	171,671
Light hens	1,115	1,151
Heavy hens	1,546	1,523
Total	178,071	174,345

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Sep-07 is 168.1 million head compared to 166.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 175.8 million head or 7.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 06-Oct-07 the estimated available is 167.4 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		SLTRD		AVAIL		PCT	AVG WT
Aug	18	167.7	169.5	99%	5.40		
	25	168.8	168.9	100%	5.30		
Sept	1	173.6	165.9	105%	5.37		
	8	151.3	164.8	92%	5.39		
	15	170.4	168.4	101%	5.48		
	22	172.4	169.1	102%	5.58		
Year to date		6186.8	6270.1	99%			
Sept	29		168.1				
Oct	6		167.4				

FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 24-SEP-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	65.00-68.00	68.75	30	62.93
Los Angeles	88.00	87.22	60	80.61
New York	72.00-75.00	73.67	21	73.16

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from	17-SEP-2007	25-SEP-2006
24-SEP-2007	17-SEP-2007	77.91	65.62
74.12	-3.79		
NUMBER OF LOADS	525		

MONTHLY – September
WTD AVG Loads
78.19 2052.00

QUARTERLY – July-September
WTD AVG Loads
79.28 6772.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	92-96	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	92-96	96	96.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	92-96	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	92-96	95	95.00	20
CENTRAL REGION	92-96	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	92-96	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25° F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	
	Lbs	Lbs	Processed other Poultry
AM 09/24/07	3,084	109,248	73,746
AM 09/01/07	3,249	113,808	80,111
CHG	-165	-4560	-6365
PCT CHG	-5%	-4%	-8%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-SEP-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-13 CENTS/LB.		9.91
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.47

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE – REMOVAL COSTS

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days, (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 21-SEP-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-12	6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-9	0-4.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 22-SEP-2007	Cases	% Change From
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW LY
North Atlantic	176.7	3 0
East North Central	647.4	0 6
West North Central	286.7	0 4
South Atlantic	179.1	1 -7
South Central	48.3	-12 -16
West	185.2	3 3
Total	1523.4	1 2
Matched plants reporting		81 81

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

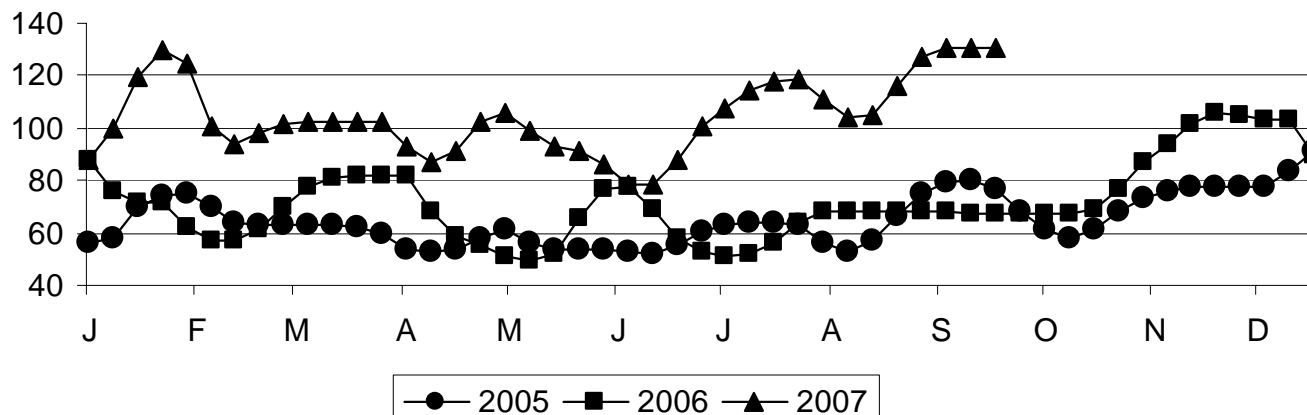
West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK) West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

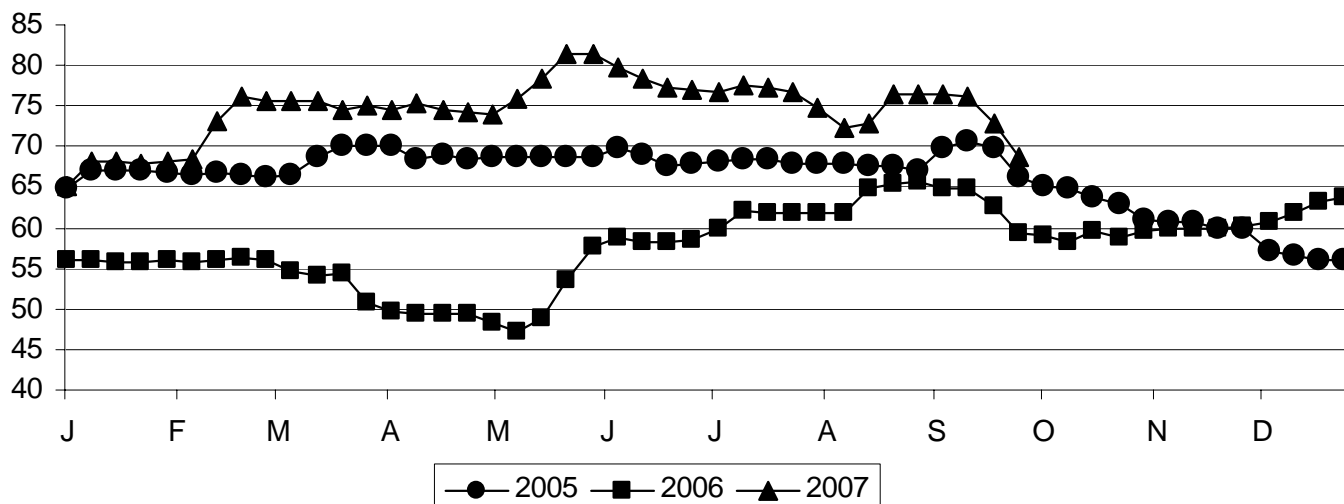
New York Large Weekly Average Price

cents per dozen



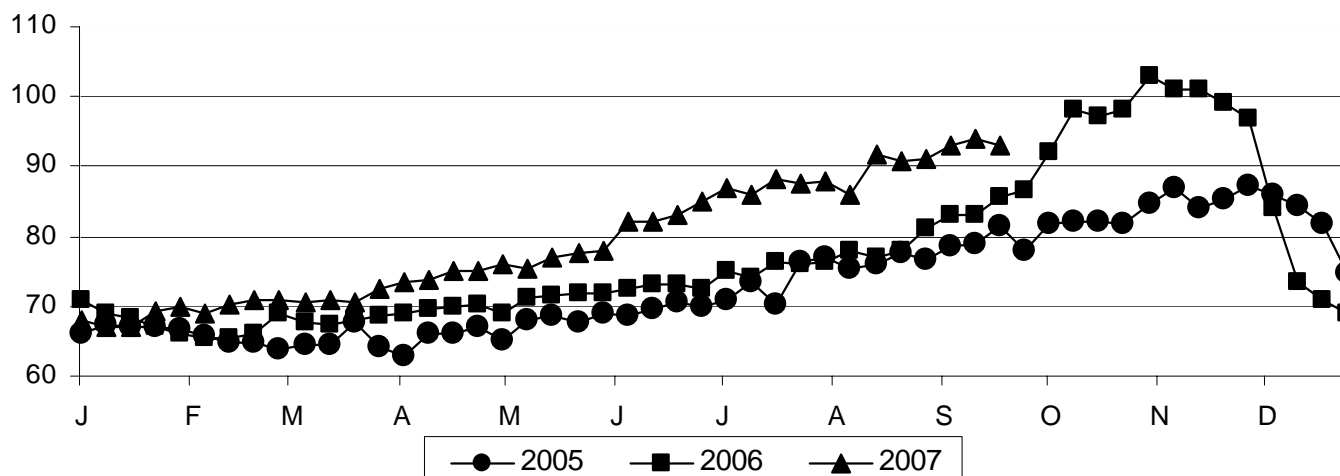
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey

cents per pound



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